

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 2-4, 7, 12-16, 19, 24-26, and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Lautzenheiser et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,023,572). Claims 2, 3, 7, 12, and 24-26 have been amended, and claims 16 and 19 have been cancelled. In a previous telephone conversation with the Examiner, the Examiner stated that amending the claims to show online integration of the process would probably overcome the prior art. The undersigned has amended the claims accordingly.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103


Claims 1, 5, 6, 8-11, 17, 18, 20-23, 27, 28, and 30-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lautzenheiser et al (U.S. Patent Number 6,023,572), in view of Stuart (U.S. Patent Number 6,466,935). Claims 1, 5, 6, 9, and 28 have been amended, and claims 17, 18, and 20-23 have been cancelled. In a previous telephone conversation with the Examiner, the Examiner stated that amending the claims to show online integration of the process would probably overcome the prior art. The undersigned has amended the claims accordingly.

CONCLUSION

Applicant now believes that this amendment complies with 37 CFR § 1.121 and thus requests examination of this Amendment. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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